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FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream
He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD.
Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.
For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand;
one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him,
he looked back at the footprints in the sand.
He noticed that many times along the path of his life
there was only one set of footprints.
He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest
and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it.
"LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you,
you'd walk with me all the way.
But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times
in my life, there is only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why when I needed you most
you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child,
I love you and I would never leave you.
During your times of trial and suffering,
when you see only one set of footprints,
it was then that I carried you."

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IN ACCESS OF \$1.5 MILLION RECEIVED IN HIGHWAY FUNDS

Coffee County Commission to negotiate with WasteAway

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

Once again, landfill was the main topic of discussion at the Coffee County Commission's meeting Monday morning.

The commissioners signed a resolution in Monday's meeting allowing them to enter into negotiations with WasteAway in the disposing of county garbage.

WasteAway is a private solid waste disposal company which plans to construct and operate a landfill facility in Pike County near Brundage. It will be known as the Brundage Waste Disposal Center, Inc.

It was emphasized this was just another step in the commission's attempt to obtain all the options possible before making a decision on the disposition of the county's solid waste and the construction of a landfill.

Prior to the signing of the resolution, County Engineer Mark Pool gave the commissioners a brief synopsis of the landfill situation.

He stated that when work first began on the landfill, there were no Sub Title "D" regulations, but it was

understood that it took 2 to 3 years to get a landfill permitted.

It was noted that it has been a long drawn out process from when the county first advertised for land on which to construct a landfill.

He gave the commissioners a brief summary on the garbage disposal status of several of Coffee County's neighboring counties. They too are faced with a critical situation.

In speaking about Coffee County's proposed landfill site, Pool stated that he would like to make it clear that an archaeological study had been made on the proposed land site. It was made a year ago by Pan American Consultants of Tuscaloosa, AL. There was no evidence of Indian burial grounds in the area.

He also explained that any site chosen in the county would have been in some watershed, either the Pea River, Yellow River or the Choctawhatchee River.

Pool stated that no decision has been made concerning the construction of a landfill or the disposition of the county's solid waste, but one will have to be made in the near future.

He said that on October 9, 1993, no more garbage will be accepted at

the present landfill site located on Co. Rd. 40. It will be closed.

There is no one to be confused as to exactly what type landfill permit had been applied for and when by the commission.

Commission Chairman Billy Eageron stated that the county had hired an engineering firm to perform the work necessary in obtaining a one county landfill permit.

It was later recommended the county amend their application to seek a permit for a regional landfill.

The purpose of the public hearing held on November 13 in Enterprise was to hear public opinion on the amending of the application.

As a result of that hearing, no action has been taken by the commission on amending the permit application.

Reverend Danny Maddox who was present at Monday's meeting was asked what he thought of the resolution to negotiate with WasteAway. Rev. Maddox was present representing the Concerned Citizens of Coffee County group.

He agreed that the action being taken by the commission, signing the resolution, was a positive step.

Rev. Maddox stated that it was the group's desire, Concerned Citizens of Coffee County, to work with the commission on solving the solid waste disposal problem now before them. They just want the commissioners to be "up front" in all their actions and make all the facts known.

Commissioner Robert Stephens stated he has always been for a one-county (Coffee County) landfill.

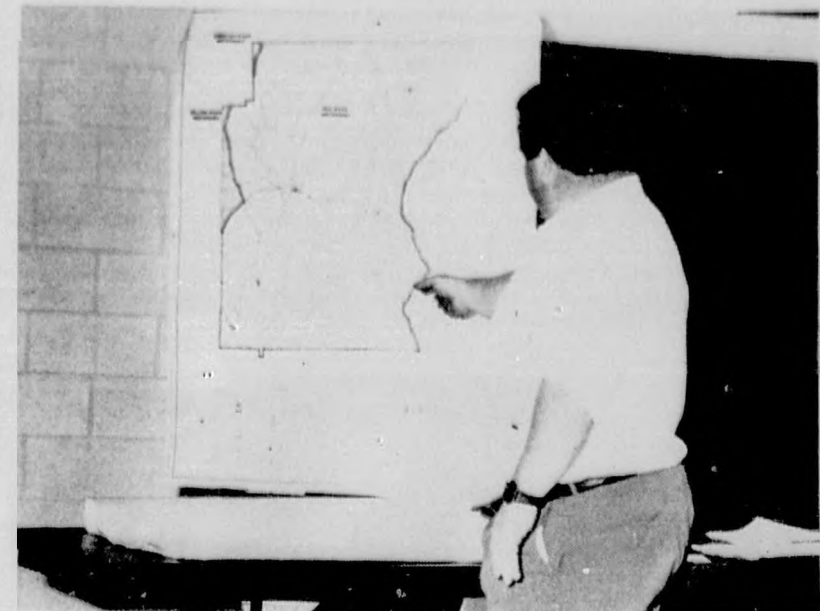
A short discussion ensued between Rev. Maddox and commissioners pertaining to many of the pros and cons of a regional landfill; however, most of these have already been discussed at great length between both parties.

All the commissioners were in agreement that they needed to get as many options as they could and gather all the facts before making a final decision concerning the disposal of the county's solid waste.

Pool informed the commission the Industrial Access Bond Authority has approved industrial access funding in the amount of \$128,541.00. The fund will be used for the resurfacing and widening of County Road 79 to benefit Southland Broilers, Inc.

Commissioner Jim Dubose added this work was in addition to the work already being done on Co. Rd. 79.

This work will be done on the road beginning at Alabama Highway 167 and extending to the intersection of Co. Rd. 60.



DIFFERENT TYPE WATERSHEDS...discussed by Coffee County's Engineer Mark Pool. He points out a map of a soil conservation watershed and an engineering watershed.

Pool was informed of the grant in a letter from Governor Guy Hunt's Office.

According to Pool, Coffee County has, in the past eight months, received "extra" funds totaling \$1,547,567.00 through industrial access funds and excess highway funds. It was noted these funds were in excess of any "flood work" funds.

Commissioners commended Pool and his staff for the work they have done in obtaining these funds.

Prior to adjourning, Commissioner Robert Stephens, who operates a county store, informed County Administrator Wilson Mobley that he wanted the 1/2c sales tax collected at his store to go toward paying for the new jail.

He said that he conducted a survey of the patrons of his business on

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FUNDS COLLECTED TOTAL \$324,277.00

Illegal tax funds returned to merchants

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

In a hearing held in Enterprise on Tuesday, December 3, 1991, 12th Judicial Circuit Judge Gary McAulley ruled that merchants who collected the "illegal" 1/2c county sales tax can get it back.

Merchants have until January 17, 1992 to file their claim with the Coffee County Circuit Clerk's office in Enterprise to get their money back.

The court was presented with the question as to which class of persons, vendors or purchasers, is entitled to a refund.

Judge McAulley ruled that the local act by the Coffee County Commission levied a "privilege" tax against persons, firms or corporations engaged in retail business in Coffee County.

According to Mary E. Pilcher, an attorney with the Montgomery law firm of Webb, Crumpton, McGee, Davis and Alley which represented the county, the commission actually passed a privilege tax rather than a sales tax.

"They thought they were passing a sales tax, but they didn't," Pilcher said. As a privilege tax it comes under the privilege tax laws. Under those laws there apparently is no provision for returning collected tax money to consumers.

According to the judge's order, "Purchasers were not entitled to recover a refund of said tax unless they paid the license tax to the city in accordance with the provisions of such ordinance."

The money collected during the months of October, November, and December in 1989 amounted to \$301,498.00. The amount has grown to \$324,277 since it has been collected in an escrow account. The interest will be prorated to the merchants requesting a refund.

On January 4, 1993, Covington County Circuit Judge William Baldwin ruled the tax invalid and collection of the 1/2c sales tax ceased.

Judge Baldwin's decision was upheld by the Alabama Supreme Court after being appealed by the Coffee County Commission.

Paul Young, the attorney who represented the Taxpayers Defense League, said, "We've fought this illegal tax all the way to the Alabama Supreme Court. Thank goodness there were people who were willing to take a stand in this matter."

It is still unclear as to what will be done with any "illegal tax money" left unclaimed by merchants. Some

say the county commission will determine its fate and some say the state will be the beneficiary.

Legal sources say the court, in all probability, once again will step in and decide the disposition of the unclaimed funds.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Application forms for the tax refund may be picked up by COUNTY MERCHANTS at the Circuit Clerk's office located in the Enterprise Courthouse.

ECSB discussed finances, discipline & academics

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City School Board was told Thursday evening of the financial condition of the local school system.

Superintendent Charles Pearce reported that in spite of proration, the system is still operating within money available. He explained that as long as the schools are under the 6% proration, the fund balances will continue to go down from month to month. Pearce voiced the opinion that the Elba system is in better financial condition than 75% of Alabama schools.

Board members were informed that all bus drivers and substitutes have qualified for the state required commercial drivers licenses.

Pearce presented board members with a proposed change in the school discipline procedure. No action was taken, but Pearce requested the board members study the matter and

be prepared to make a decision at the next meeting.

He explained the proposal was open for modification and he himself might make some changes after planned discussion with juvenile court authorities.

The proposal as presented reads, "Students referred to the Juvenile Court by petition/legal warrant may be suspended from school indefinitely when it is in the best interest of that student and other students that

he/she not be allowed on campus until the revocation of the Juvenile Court is final."

Pearce told the board he felt there were three basic problems with the school systems of Elba, Alabama and the nation. They are: 1. funding problem (need more money) 2. disci-

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Scores frustrate Supt. Pearce

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

for several weeks over the poor showing of the local students and the numbers show why.

Elba students scored only 77% passing on both the Reading and Language portions of the test and an even lower 73 on the Math portion.

The Language was one point above the state average of 76% but both the others were below average. The state average on Reading was 87% (10 points above the Elba average). State average on the Math portion was 77% (four points above the Elba average).

Pearce said, "We are disappointed not only with our low ranking in the Reading part of the test but also in AHSGE, but we are also concerned with our Math and Language scores. Our entire staff was concerned over a year ago when we reviewed SAT scores and BCT scores and saw that we had too many students showing deficiencies in Reading skills. We started immediately to seek out reasons for these deficiencies and try to isolate areas we felt could give the most positive results in helping remediate these skills. We have in place this year a new Chapter I program at the Jr. High School that should help our students at that level. We also placed into action a GAP (graduate assistance program) at the High School that should help improve performance at that level. A modifica-

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Elba W&E Board request fire rating inspection

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

fire department before such an inspection would be practical.

The board asked Mayor Moore to inform the fire chief of their desire to request another inspection as soon as possible after the completion of the present water improvement project.

The report on accounts receivable show \$9,230.73 in uncollected utility bills. Included in this total is one large commercial account in the process of being collected. Also included is a number of disconnected meters where users moved, etc. and are awaiting final read-outs and applying of deposits.

Returned checks in the process of being collected total \$635.28.



CORPS OF ENGINEERS...were in Elba last week to inspect the levee. Alton Colvin was joined by Mayor Fred Moore and Elba's City Street Supt. James Simmons as he and his assistant inspected the status of the levee. The picture above was taken as the group checked the site of where one of the levee blowouts occurred just rear of Attorney Garth Lindsey's office.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Santa will be visiting Elba Saturday. If you haven't already given him your wish list, this will be a good time to do so. Look for the elf of gent on the courthouse square, most any time of the day... except during the parade when Santa will be riding the fire truck. You can also ride the elephant or the camels if that is your interest.

We saw a group enter an eating establishment the day after Thanksgiving and they had the look of battered shoppers. One woman was wearing a sweat shirt with the inscription, "Dear Santa, I Want It All" across the front of her shirt in big red letters. We smiled at the idea but later reasoned that was a statement for children, but this woman was old enough to be paying the bills and maybe should have toned down her wants just a bit.

Luverne High School is playing Friday night for the football championship as they go for all the marbles Friday night in Luverne. Coach Glen Daniels has been around Luverne High a long time and is one of our favorites.

A recent court ruling indicates Coffee County merchants who collected the "jail" sales tax for that short period, may request refunds and keep the money. We don't think this is right. This money belongs to the people who spent it, if not the county. Personally we think it should be applied on the jail debt. If we decide to fill out any of the paperwork for the few dollars paid in by this newspaper, we will instruct that it be applied to the jail or we will direct it to some charity. We will not take your money we collected under the tax umbrella and convert it to our personal use.



BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY LEADERS RECENTLY TOURED THE NEW WORKFORCE 2000 LABORATORY AT ENTERPRISE STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE. The laboratory provides modern equipment and a classroom setting for teaching literacy skills to employees of the Workforce 2000 business and industry partners. Kenny Sawyer, Director of Human Resources for Dorsey Trailers in Elba looks at the curriculum developed for Dorsey employees as Dr. Mary Bauer, director of Workforce 2000 discusses the program with him.

MAKING OURSELF CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

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AREA DEATHS

KATHERINE L. DORSEY

Katherine Lowe Dorsey, 76, of 816 N. Clanton Avenue in Elba died Monday, December 9, 1991, at Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 11, 1991, at Elba First Baptist Church with Dr. Frank Wells officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery located in Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one son, Claude E. "Pete" Dorsey of Elba; one daughter-in-law, Dixie Dorsey of Elba; two granddaughters, Stacey Dorsey of Wiley, TX and Susan Flemming of Montgomery, AL; one grandson, Claude Dorsey of Huntsville, AL; and two great-grandsons, Brandon Dorsey and Chase Dorsey, both of Wiley, TX.

JOHN C. WILSON

John Cecil Wilson, 71, of Elba, died Thursday, December 5, 1991, in a local hospital. He was a life long resident of Coffee County. Mr. Wilson was a veteran of WW II, serving in Burma and India.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, December 7, 1991 at Zion Chapel Baptist Church with the Reverend Mark Griffin, Ben Am-lung, and W. R. Fuller officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Wilson was preceded in death by a son, John C. Wilson Jr. Survivors include his wife, Nell Wilson of Elba, AL; two daughters, Terri Brown of Pace, FL and Cindy McKnight of Rockledge, FL; four sisters, Lucille Rayburn and Berta Lou Wood, both of Brantley, AL; Lorene Pope of Auburn, AL and Malene Spivey of Troy, AL; three brothers, Lamar Wilson of Elba, AL; Rufus Wilson of Troy, AL; and Leon Wilson of Brantley, AL; two sons-in-law, Steve Brown of Pace, FL and Jim McKnight of Rockledge, FL; and five grandchildren.

JOHN ALBERT CAIN

John Albert Cain, age 82, died Monday, December 9, 1991 at Sebring Care Center. He was a resident of Elba, AL and a resident of Avon Park, FL since 1936. Mr. Cain was a citrus farmer and a member of the Church of Christ.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 10, 1991 at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Chapel with Minister Stan Stephens and Minister Bob Barker officiating. Survivors include his wife, Alice Cain of Avon Park, FL; one daughter, Nancy A. Anderson of Avon Park, FL; two sisters, Glennie Parker of Elba, AL and Myrtle Helms of Andalusia, AL; and three grandchildren.

BONARD N. BOWERS

Bonard Newton Bowers, age 88, of Elba, AL, died Monday, December 9, 1991, at Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 11, 1991 at the Elba Church of God, with Reverend Nelson Kimberly officiating. Burial followed in the Zion Cemetery. Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Arkie Lee Bowers of Elba, AL; four sons, Delma Bowers of Evergreen, AL, Burn Bowers of Elba, AL, Buford Bowers of Birmingham, AL, and Haywood Bowers of Kinston, AL; four daughters, Louise Hysmith of Phenix City, AL, Sybil Drum of Ozark, AL, Barbara Bowers of Elba, AL, and Faye Bowers of Elba, AL; one brother, W. Coston Bowers of Evergreen, AL; one sister, Lois Hudson of Elba, AL; nineteen grandchildren; and eighteen great grandchildren.

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Department during the week beginning Tuesday, December 3, 1991, investigated the following incidents:

Arrests made during the same period of time were as follows: one menacing, two harassments, two harassing communications, three DUIs, seven thefts, one robbery, one forgery, disorderly conduct, and one criminal mischief.

Daily activity for the week was as follows: one for speeding, three for revoked driver's license, three for DUI, one for resisting arrest, one for robbery, one for driving on the wrong side of the road, one for expired tag, one for no driver's license, and one for burglary.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 - Alarm at residence on Buford St. (12:21 p.m.); Rescue run to residence in New Brockton (4:22 p.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 - Rescue run to residence on Reese Ave. (9:11 a.m.); Wreck on Taylor Mill Road (11:47 a.m.); Fire on Co. Rd. 30 (11:00 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 - Prowler behind Riviera Motel (11:15 p.m.); Prowler on Highway 84W (11:28 p.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 - Rescue run to Mullins Apt. (9:06 a.m.); Wreck on Highland Dr. (9:25 a.m.); Fire at Dorsey Trailers (9:11:50 a.m.).

HOSPITAL LIST

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of December 3, 1991 through December 9, 1991.

They were: Woodrow Young, Shane Barnhill, Bonard Bowers, Mary Jared, Ray Hussey, Charlotte Blackman, Federal Barnes, Wilber Taylor, Charles Brooks, Rayfield Carpenter, William Mock, Annie Morrow, and Mennie Hudson.

Those discharged during the same period of time were: Woodrow Young, Bearce Cain, Fannie Nelson, Jack Cordle, Ray Hussey, Shane Barnhill, Lois Edgar, Federal Barnes, and Charlotte Blackman.

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DORSEY TRAILERS, INC.
Little Miss Christmas Pageant

NATIONAL SECURITY INSURANCE
Santa and his Reindeer and Elephant Ride

Letters, We get letters.....

Dear Editor,

This letter is written to voice my opposition to the fee, discussed below, being charged by the Class Attorneys in the Case of the Growers vs. ConAgra. Further, I would like to request other growers to either voice their objection or approval of said fee by contacting Mrs. McPherson at (205) 262-7337. She has been appointed by the Court to make a recommendation as to the fee to be approved.

It has been brought to my attention that the three lawyers that were appointed by the Court other than Mr. Stafford Pittman, who was asked to represent us by Mr. Joe Pittman, in our class action suit, have asked the Court for 1/3 of the total amount awarded, PLUS ALL OF THE INTEREST, which would be approximately 50% of all damages awarded to the growers of \$8,712,863.60.

I personally feel that these three lawyers have done a good job on our behalf so far. However, now we have not only been done wrong by the company we grow for, but I personally feel that we are being taken advantage of by our so called representatives who are supposed to be looking out for our best interest.

According to the motion and the memorandum in support of amended petition for award of attorney's fees, the reasons for that request are substantial risk and considerable out-of-pocket expenses, and six years and five months waiting. They have incurred excess of \$200,000.00 of expenses. These expenses include deposition cost, computer cost, expert witness fees, cost of reproducing and enlarging exhibits, printing, postage, telephone, travel, witness fees, service cost and computerized research cost. (Postage and copying have gone up).

We have also waited, not only six years and five months, but well over ten years to be reimbursed for the damages that were brought on us through no fault of our own. Now we are being required to wait longer while the attorneys fight for their fee.

To have the Courts to line the pockets of these attorneys with over 50% of the gross awarded damages and only 50% or less to be awarded to over 300 of us growers, who were first and foremost abused, is an injustice to the growers who were damaged by the wrong done by ConAgra.

Please let me ask, plead, and beg of you to voice your approval or objection to the fee request with Mrs. McPherson prior to December 16, 1991. I certainly feel these attorneys are entitled to a reasonable fee, plus their expenses. However, there is nothing reasonable about what has been proposed.

Celia English
"Chicken Grower"

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is this newspaper's response to Mr. Pittman's comments on this letter we received from Celia English. He responded with the following statement and urged growers to do as English urged... contact the attorney appointed by the courts to determine the actual fees.

To: The Elba Clipper
RE: Braswell v. ConAgra
Class Action

Dear Sirs,

We have noted with interest the letter written by Celia English, published by the Enterprise Ledger and to be published in The Elba Clipper, concerning attorneys' fees in the Braswell v. ConAgra case.

In this class action litigation class counsel petitioned the Court to require ConAgra to pay the legal fees of the growers (class counsel fees). The Court denied the request based upon applicable federal law. Under the law class attorneys are to be paid from the fund which they are created.

Ms. English's letter in several respects is factually incorrect. Joe S. Pittman, Vreeland G. Johnson and Stafford Pittman, class attorneys, are seeking attorney fees of one-third of the amount recovered together with the interest accrued on the judgment while the case was appealed to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and during the distribution phase of the lawsuit. The amount of attorneys fees claimed is not 50 percent as claimed by Ms. English. The total amount claimed is approximately 43 percent of the amount recovered. The claim represents work done for trial preparation, trial, two appeals to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and for services rendered in the distribution phase of the lawsuit, which of necessity is time consuming because the growers are required in a class action to file and prove their claims and class counsel have been empowered by the Court to assist the growers in their individual efforts.

The class attorneys have been actively working on this litigation since April, 1985.

Based on the recovery obtained each grower will receive full compensatory damages for misweighing of the broilers. The court will determine the amount of attorneys fees awarded to class attorneys from the fund in accordance with Federal law. The court has appointed Vanetta Penn McPherson as class attorney in connection with class counsel's petition for attorney fees.

Sincerely yours,
Joe S. Pittman
Vreeland G. Johnson
Stafford Pittman

Dear Editor,

The Girl Scouts in Elba would like to use this space in your paper to give the Elba Police Department a well-deserved compliment and thank you. They really care about our children and do all they can to help them grow up safe and happy. We would like to share with you several ways they have helped us in the past few months.

Last summer, the officers provided a "Bicycle Safety" class and Officer Dale Cobb asked that the girls attend. We leaders found it very informative and especially well organized. The children in their bikes inspected, safety and driving procedures were explained. A course was set up and the children enjoyed driving through it showing what they had learned.

In September, Officers Donnie Byrd and Dean Blair came to our Girl Scout building to provide a drug awareness talk to Brownie Troop 422. The children, and their leaders, reported an interesting and informative evening.

In October, Brownie Troop 255 had a spend-the-night party at the Girl Scout hut. Their leaders asked that police officers check on them several times during the night. It was certainly reassuring to look up and see the lights of the police car as they turned around in our driveway.

We will continue to "protect and serve" to the best of their ability. Sincerely,
Elba Girl Scouts

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Sincerely yours,
Joe S. Pittman
Vreeland G. Johnson
Stafford Pittman

Dear Editor,

On Friday, November 22, 1991, my career as a cyclist came to an abrupt end. While out on a training ride I was struck by a motor vehicle. I was traveling south on Reese Ave. on a neon yellow and purple bike wearing bright blue clothing when a truck coming off the bypass failed to see me and therefore didn't yield.

While I am grateful for the fact that I am alive and that my injuries weren't any more severe than they were - it is very upsetting to know that I will probably never be able to race again. The accident left me with a concussion, a broken collar bone, badly sprained ankle, bruised rib cage, a crushed elbow, and numerous contusions and abrasions. My elbow required surgery and now has a wire and eight pins holding it together. Only time will tell how much permanent disability I will have as a result of these injuries.

If racing were just a hobby that I had to give up this wouldn't be quite so bad - but it isn't. For the past 15 years I have dedicated myself to making a career as a cyclist and I was on track to turn professional in 1993. My wife and I were set to leave for Belgium in January where I would be racing my last year as an amateur before turning professional.

On Wednesday, November 27, I was released from Flowers Hospital. When I got home the first of the medical charges were already there. You see, I was hit by an uninsured motorist which means we are not only having to deal with the distress of losing a career but also of tens of thousands of dollars worth of medical bills. Thankfully, I have good insurance - auto, health, and home-owners. However, even with them I am sure that my insurance should have to pay all of the bills - emergency room charges, rescue squad, doctors visits, hospital charges and the direct and indirect results of them - whether intentional or not. I'm not blaming anyone for what happened - I know accidents happen everyday - I just want to make everyone understand the importance of watching out for other people who have rights to the roads - bicycles and motorcycles, as well as other motor vehicles, you never know when an accident will happen.

Thank you for allowing me to air my feelings on this subject. Before closing, I would like to thank police officers Patrick Norris and Johnny Senn who witnessed the accident, and for their quick and prudent action. Also, Mark Davis and the Elba Rescue Squad, Dr. Carter and the ER staff at Elba General Hospital and everyone who called, visited, or just said a prayer for me.

Bret Scarborough

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The class attorneys have been actively working on this litigation since April, 1985.

Based on the recovery obtained each grower will receive full compensatory damages for misweighing of the broilers. The court will determine the amount of attorneys fees awarded to class attorneys from the fund in accordance with Federal law. The court has appointed Vanetta Penn McPherson as class attorney in connection with class counsel's petition for attorney fees.

Sincerely yours,
Joe S. Pittman
Vreeland G. Johnson
Stafford Pittman

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ESJC Honor Roll is announced

A total of 210 Enterprise State Junior College students' names appeared on honor rolls at the conclusion of Fall Quarter.

Four students were named to the Dean's Academic Honor Roll. They are Stephanie Baucum and Helene C. Peets, both of Enterprise; Cynthia Pollard of Fort Rucker and James W. Smith of Kinston. To qualify for the list a student must maintain a 4.0 grade-point-average and earn 70 or more quarter hours credit during the year.

Ninety-seven ESJC students earned President's List certificates. These students earned this quarterly honor by maintaining a 4.0 grade-point-average with a course load of at least 12 hours.

From New Brockton: Steven R. Averett.
From Elba: Tom G. Coate, Melinda Drewery, M. J. Hollinghead and Kevin O. Matthews.

The Dean's List, also compiled at the end of each quarter, recognizes full-time students (scheduling 12 or more hours), who maintain a minimum of a 3.50 GPA during the quarter.

From New Brockton: Anna L. Adkinson, Stephen A. Butt, C. E. Lawster, Debra Miller, Vanessa R. Parker, and Amy J. Tindol.

From Elba: Tonya M. Bryan, John S. Jacobs, R. F. Martinelli, Tara Rhoades, and Dana M. Smart.

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SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Miss Kelley To Wed Mr. Mack Saturday, December 28th

Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Kelley of Samson announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Mary Loyce, to John G. Mack, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mack and the late Mary C. M. Kelley of Samson.

She is a 1984 graduate of Kinston High School and a 1988 graduate of Troy State University. She is presently employed with Alabama Power Company at Farley Nuclear Plant.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Mack, the late Willie Pearl English and the late Francis Marion English of Elba.

He is a 1980 graduate of New Brunswick High School and is presently self-employed. The wedding is planned for Saturday, December 28, at 5 p.m. at the Liberty Church of Christ, Highway 87 South of Elba. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Elba Christmas Festival Fashion Show To Be Held

In conjunction with the Elba Christmas Festival, a Fashion Show will be held Saturday, December 14, at the Court House Square. We are asking local merchants who would like to have clothes modeled to contact Martha Oggs at 897-6328 and any children's hand-sewn clothing to be modeled can contact Edna Bruns at 897-2867.



Miss Kelley & Mr. Mack



Kiera Shad'e Robertson Celebrates Birthday

Kiera Shad'e Robertson celebrated her birthday with her big sister, Rashanda, whom she admires a lot. Kiera is the daughter of Nikki and Brenda Robertson.

Weight Loss Surprises Researchers

WASHINGTON—A nutrition organization was hopeful that a nutritionally complete "hi-tech" food tablet would help ease world hunger problems, until a study revealed that one of the ingredients could cause significant weight loss.

Although other studies and scientists have approved, researchers in Europe found that the ingredient, a natural plant extract, actually caused people to lose weight, even though specifically instructed not to alter normal eating patterns, according to one study published in the prestigious *British Journal of Nutrition*. Researchers in an earlier study had speculated that the weight loss was due to a decrease in the intestinal absorption of calories.

While the project of National Food Source One, would not be used to successfully fulfill its original goal, the formula which has been improved with other natural colloids has been a windfall for some overweight people. A Daytona Beach, Florida woman fighting a weight battle for 12 years used the product on the recommendation of her physician and lost 30 pounds. She stated, "Not only have I lost 30 pounds but my cholesterol has dropped from 232 to 143. I have not been full of clothes which have not fit me in two years that I can now wear." In a separate report, a telephone interview revealed that a Wilmington, North Carolina pharmacist lost 14 pounds in 3 weeks on the product and was never hungry.

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Ellington - New Wedding Held Saturday, November 23rd

Jennifer Lynn New of Decatur and Kevin Todd Ellington of Roswell, GA, were married Nov. 23 at 3 p.m. at First United Methodist Church by Dr. Kenneth W. Bush. Parents of the couple are Dr. and Mrs. Troy Gerald New of Decatur and Sarah C. Ellington of Roswell and the late Marion Thomas Ellington.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Crook of Elba, AL and Mr. and Mrs. Troy New of Decatur, AL.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of white shantung and French re-embroidered Alencon lace. The gown featured a Sabrina neckline and long sleeves with pleated folds of shantung at the shoulders. Heavily encrusted with pearls and sequins, the bodice dropped to a bustle waistline. A triangle bustle softly accented the chapel train with beads of Alencon lace tracing the entire hemline.

The veil of gathered English net scattered with pearls from a band of shantung camellias detailed with pearls, sequins, and Alencon lace. She carried a cascade of miniature calla lilies, stephanotis and lily of the valley flowing with greenery.

Johanna Crook New of Decatur, the bride's sister, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Troy Gerald New Jr., the bride's sister-in-law, and Mrs. Jeffrey Wayne Bush and Jennifer Diane Johnson, all of Birmingham; Mrs. Michael Joe Brown of Decatur; Heather Ann Douglas of Alpharetta, GA; Laurie Ruth Larson of Atlanta; Cynthia Diane Merrill of Lynchburg, VA; and Heather Lynn Peterson of Smyrna, GA.

Brian Keith Ellington of Roswell, the bridegroom's brother, was best man. Groomsman were Gregory Thomas Ellington of Roswell, the bridegroom's brother, Jeffrey Wayne Bush and Troy Gerald New Jr., the bride's brother, both of Birmingham; Michael Scott Nickell of Marietta, GA; James Randall Trim of Lynchburg, VA; and Heather Lynn Peterson of Smyrna, GA.

Music was provided by Bryant Bush, soloist; Mrs. Ray Warth, organist; and Mrs. Arthur Faulkner, pianist.

Assisting at the reception held at the Decatur Country Club were Mrs. Bill Preston Brogdon, Mrs. David White, Caroline White, Alison Turner, Shannon Douthett, Mary Ann Godwin, Jenny Grady, Jennifer Jackson, Jennifer Bush, Jennifer James, Leslie McLeod, Jackie Chadwick, Lawson Edwards, Katie Stephens and Jennifer Widmar. Lisa Ann Gentry kept the bride's book. Carrie Glenn Sanders and Katherine Anne Sanders were flower petal girls.

The couple reside in Grapevine, TX.

A rehearsal party was given at the Amberley Suite Hotel by the bridegroom's mother.

NEW-ELLINGTON PARTIES
Mrs. Kevin Todd Ellington, the former Jennifer Lynn New, was hostess for the wedding reception at the Hill Baptist Church in Alpharetta.

A surprise going away shower was given September 15 by the Union Hill Baptist Church in Alpharetta.

A miscellaneous shower was September 21 at Alpharetta First Baptist Church. Co-hosts were Mrs. Glen Caswell, Mrs. Lamar Chadwick, Mrs. Larry Garmon and Mrs. Bob Brannon.

A linen and lingerie shower was September 22 at the home of Heather Douglas. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Jeff Bush and Jennifer Johnson.

A picnic supper was October 11 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bill Pyron. Co-hosts were Dr. and Mrs. David White, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McAnally and Dr. and Mrs. Ken Chandler.

A going away barbecue was October 19 at the home of Sarah Ellington. Brian Ellington was co-host.

A Christmas shower was October 30 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bill Manifold. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Roland Jenkins, Mrs. Julian Price, Mrs. Earle Neall, Mrs. John Baggett, Mrs. Ernie Smith and Mrs. Pat Smart.

A recipe party was November 8 at Point Mallard Clubhouse. Hostesses were Mrs. George Godwin, Mrs. David Carter, Mrs. Sage Godwin, Mrs. Byron Nelson, Mrs. Tom Chandler.

Several friends and relatives helped Josh celebrate and enjoyed birthday cake, ice cream and drinks; also various games were played. Josh received many nice gifts.



Mrs. Ellington

Early, Mrs. Charles Overstreet, Mrs. Jan Smoke and Mrs. Larry Surges.

A bridesmaid's brunch was November 23 at Decatur Country Club. Hostesses were Mrs. Lawrence Ford, Mrs. Paul McCain, Mrs. Lowell Stinson and Mrs. Jerome Turner.



Luke Hamilton Lewis

It's a Boy!

Stan and Marcia Lewis of Mobile, announce the birth of a son, Luke Hamilton Lewis, born Thursday, November 7th, 1991 in a Mobile hospital. He weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lewis and Mrs. Opal Hatcher, all of Elba.

Luke Hamilton is Marcia and Stan's first child.



Joshua Nelson

Joshua Nelson Celebrates 4th Birthday

Josh Nelson, son of David and Pam Nelson of Elba, celebrated his 4th birthday December 4, 1991 with a party, Saturday, November 30th, 1991 at McDonald's in Enterprise.

Josh is the grandson of Walter and Katherine Nelson of Elba and Doris Nolin and the late James E. Nolin, also of Elba.

Several friends and relatives helped Josh celebrate and enjoyed birthday cake, ice cream and drinks; also various games were played. Josh received many nice gifts.

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Don't Feel Alone

Last week I shared the "Ten Commandments For Christmas" that I believe will assure anyone of a great Christmas. However, there will be many who will not truly enjoy the season because of loneliness. This should not be, and will not be, if we will only remember how much God loves us.

Back in the Garden of Eden, God said to Adam, "It is not good that I should be alone." So He created Eve to be a companion for Adam.

Therefore the lines of communication were just open between God and man, but between man and others. It would now be possible to do away with our loneliness. Many years later God sent His Son Jesus into the world to assure mankind of a faithful friend. Matthew 1:23 says, "they shall call His name Emmanuel, which, being interpreted, is God with us." He did not want

man kind, whom He created for fellowship, to feel alone. So He came to earth to assure us His abiding presence would be with us through out time and eternity.

Our world can be a frightening place. But Jesus Christ wants to enter into a personal relationship with anyone who will trust Him and receive Him. He is a friend who remains closer than a brother. So don't feel alone!

Remember the words of this Christmas Carol:
"Joy to all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic hosts proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem."
How fitting that we pause at the season of the year to praise God for the gift of His love. Let us be thankful that Christ OUR FRIEND has come. That is a fact! Plan to have a joyous Christmas and don't feel alone.



Brantley Baptist Church To Have Christmas Cantata

Brantley Baptist Church will hold its annual Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 15, 1991 at 6:00 p.m.

This year's cantata is entitled "This Christmas" written and arranged by Joe E. Parks. The choir will be directed by Walter Scott, accompanists Mrs. Cora Morgan, and organist Mr. Jimmy Moore, pianist.

Everyone is invited to join us for the program.

Christmas Cantata To Be Presented At Fairview Bapt.

The Fairview Baptist Church will be having their Christmas Cantata, "Christmas Joy," Sunday evening, December 15th at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

For more information, please call Betty Martin at 897-6045 or Geni Benbow at 897-2187.

TRUTH To Be In Concert At Country Cathedral

"Truth" will be in concert at the Country Cathedral, located on Hwy. 84 East in Opp, AL, on Saturday night, December 14th, at 7:00 p.m.

We invite you to come and enjoy this time of fellowship and worship in song and in praise. There is no admission charge.

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Mt. Gilead To Have Barbecue

Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Rt. 3, Elba, will have a barbecue Saturday, December 14th. Serving will begin at 5 p.m. All donations will go to the Gileads for the purchase of Bibles. Everyone is invited.

Morgan Miley Celebrates Fourth Birthday With Party

Morgan Miley, daughter of Royce and Denise Miley, celebrated her fourth birthday on Sunday, December 8th, at her home.

Those helping Morgan celebrate were: Grandparents, L. P. and Sylvia Hussey of Elba; Don and Diane Miley of Troy; Great-grandmother Letta Smith of Jack; Mary Jo and Patrick Hussey, Jason, Sheila, and Sheena Hussey; Dalis Bellamy; Dawn Pope, Dennis, Jeanette, Robbie, and Wesley Donaldson.

Morgan's guests were served cake, punch, chips, and dip, and a variety of cookies.

Morgan received a lot of nice gifts, and she really enjoyed her special day.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF
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The holiday season has already begun. And there is so much excitement in the air. But for us, it's just another lonely year without our son. Sometimes it's almost more than we can bear.

It seems the prettiest Christmas lights have lost their glow. The stars in the sky have lost their shine. We no longer desire for gifts with pretty bows. And joy on earth is hard to find.

Sometimes it seems we can still hear his voice. Or even smell his cologne. It's hard to find a reason to rejoice. Knowing he will never again come home.

That is so hard to accept during the holiday season. For all we have memories to fill his place. We try to understand God must have had a special reason. But what we would give just to see his smiling face.

Maybe he was like the humble thief on the cross. And cried out for God to save his soul. It's the blood of Jesus that pays for all costs. And was the desire of the Lord to make him whole.

It is the grace of God that gives us the hope. That he had the time to make things right. So, we still love you and miss you so. Though in our hearts you'll always be alive.

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Shae Oglesby Elected Senior Class Pres.

After a week of campaigning, Shae Oglesby has been elected senior class president. Other officers elected are Angela Culver - vice president, Sandra Camley - secretary, and Laura Archie - treasurer. To qualify to run for an office each candidate had to have a petition signed by ten of their classmates. They had to have at least a "C" average. The candidate campaigned for one week by putting up posters in the halls and the classrooms where seniors have classes. They also brought "Vote for Me" badges with candy attached for distribution among their classmates.

Mrs. Rachel Bryan, one of the senior class sponsors said, "I would have been pleased with any of the candidates winning. I like this kind of election better than an election during a meeting when nominations are made from the floor. I think they do more thinking about candidate qualifications when the elections are held this way." Mrs. Anita Grant is the other senior class sponsor.



Senior class officers are President Shae Oglesby, Vice President Angela Culver, Secretary Sandra Camley, and Treasurer Laura Archie.

COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS LUNCHROOM MENUS December 16-20, 1991

BREAKFAST
Monday - Cheese Toast, Juice, Cereal, Milk.
Tuesday - Pop-Tart, Juice, Cereal, Milk.
Wednesday - Biscuit, Ham, Jelly, Juice, Cereal, Milk.
Thursday - Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Jelly, Cereal, Milk.
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Milk.

LUNCH
Monday - Pizza, Hoagie, Whole Kernel Corn, Mixed Vegetable Salad, Choice of Fruit, Glazed Cake - Bonus, Milk.
Tuesday - Oven Fried Chicken, Hamburger, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Sliced Peaches, Fresh Fruit, Scrambled Rice and Gravy, Milk.
Wednesday - Fish Karpis, Steak Fingers, Green Salad, Casserole, Chilled Fruit, Fresh Fruit, Hushpuppies or Roll, Milk.
Thursday - Baked Turkey, Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Fruit, Dressing/Cranberry Sauce, Fruit Salad, Roll, Milk.
Friday - Hotdog, Tuna Salad, French Fries, Pine Peas, Crackers, Choice of Fruit, Milk.

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Juniors Study Civil War

American History is a course that is required for graduating from an accredited high school in Alabama. All students first take the course at the junior level in high school. Mrs. Rachel Bryan is the instructor.

For the past two weeks the students in this class have been studying the Civil War by viewing video tapes. They have sheets of viewing questions to answer while they view the tapes.

The tapes they are viewing are the Ken Burns series. When asked about these tapes Mrs. Bryan said, "As far as I am concerned there is no need for anybody else to do anything with the history of the Civil War. Ken Burns has prepared the ultimate documentary."

While the students are working on the Civil War in class, their homework is a take-home exam covers five chapters. It is made up of study questions, maps activi-

ties, and study skill activities. The students have had the exam since November 1, 1991, and it is due during the period scheduled for their semester exam which will be either December 17, 18, or 19.

The take-home exam grade will be determined by answering specific questions using their work as a source for answering the questions. Another part of the grade will be derived from grading part of each of the map activities and the skill activities. The exam will count 20% of the semester average.

Mrs. Bryan said that giving this type of exam has several objectives. One is that students who have a hard time with their American History grade will have an opportunity to put in some hard work and pass the course. Another is that the students will at least be exposed to some necessary information that otherwise there would not have been time to in class. Map work is very important to college-bound students. Troy State University now requires that students pass a United States map test before being given credit for their U.S. History course.

Jr. High Beauty Winners



Winners in the Junior High Division of the Campus Beauty Pageant were First Runner-Up Sabrina Stokes, Junior High Beauty Adrienne Cotton, and Second Runner-Up Amber Shiver.

FFA Officers Have New Jackets

Official FFA jackets will now be worn by the FFA officers on days when official FFA activities are taking place.

The color of the jacket is national blue with a white collar. The emblem is a white owl with a yellow beak and feet. The owl is perched on a branch. The owl is the symbol of FFA. Other than officers there were three members of FFA who got jackets because of their hard work in selling cases of fruit for the Christmas Season.



FFA Officers and Member show off their newly purchased jackets. Front row: President Derek Sheltz, Vice-President Randy Hartley, Treasurer Bruce Cole, Back Row: Sentinel Tim Brill, Reporter Lee Jacobs, Chaplain Jerry Johnson, and FFA member Chris Jacobs. Secretary Kim Killingsworth and Parliamentarian Pam Reeves were unavailable for the picture.

Grad Exam Results Are In

Results of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam have been returned to the State Department of Education had predicted a 30% failure rate. Zion Chapel had an 80% passage rate.

The parts of the test that gave Zion Chapel students the most trouble were the math and language. However, there was no 100% passage of Zion Chapel students on any one section. Students who are juniors will have three more chances to pass the test. Students who are seniors will have one more chance. The next testing session will be in the spring of 1992.

The test, which had been updated to

Cheerleaders Lift Weights

An idea that the Zion Chapel Varsity Cheerleaders thought to be just something to talk about was something Coach Sammy McGee thought would be good to do.

The cheerleaders asked their sponsor, Mrs. Sonya Shaw, and Coach Sammy McGee if they could start their own weight program. To their surprise, the weight lifting was a reality in less than a week.

The cheerleaders are alternating with the football players in the weight room each week. The football players lift weights three days and the cheerleaders the other two.

The cheerleaders are using the bench press, bars, and pec-deck. They are also doing squats. The cheerleaders want to keep fit throughout the rest of the year. They feel it helps them do a better job at basketball games.

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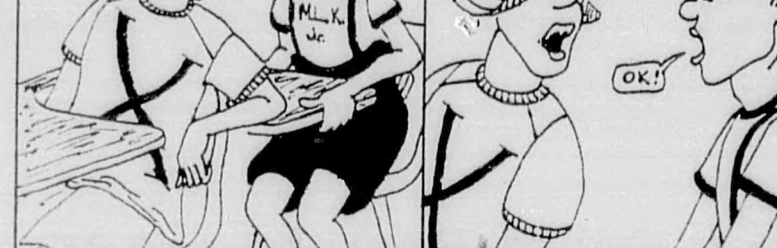
Seniors of the Week



Jonathan Lawrence - Jonathan is 17 years old and enjoys playing baseball, fishing, and swimming. His favorite class is computer science. Jonathan's most memorable time at EHS was last year's prom. He is a member of FCA, FBPA, and FFA.

Stacy Nunn - Stacy is 16 years old and has attended EHS for 2 years. His favorite movie is Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom. His favorite song is "I Love A Heavy Night" by Eddie Rabbit. Amy's future plan is to join the Navy.

Tommy Young - Tommy is 17 years old and enjoys playing sports, hunting, and collecting baseball cards. He is a member of FBPA and 4-H. Tommy is also president of Mu Alpha Theta and vice-president of the Sr. Beta Club. He has played football and baseball for three years at EHS.



STATE OF ALABAMA PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

The Alabama State Personnel Department this week announced examinations for filling present vacancies in the following positions:

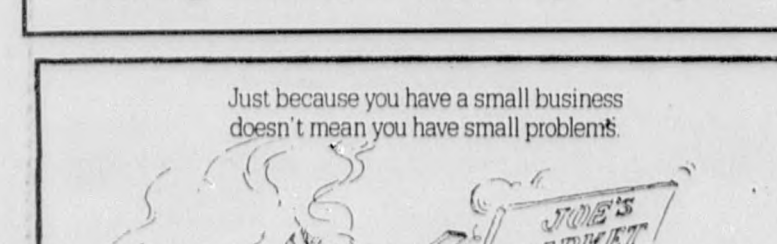
Tax Valuation Analyst I (\$21,130 - \$32,032)
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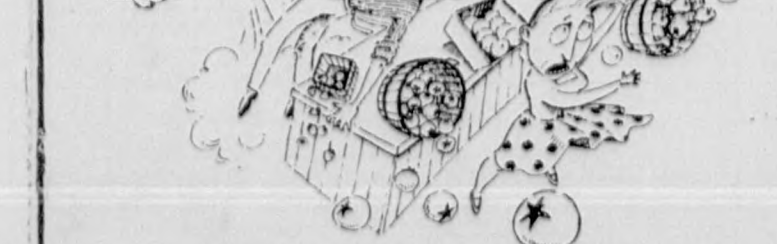


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Trip To The Dothan Eagle

On Monday, December 2, I made my one month trip to *The Dothan Eagle* for the Teen Board Conference. This time Melissa was unable to go with me. I still enjoyed myself even though every one wasn't there. Each month discussions consist of current news, situations that could develop into future problems, and most of all, situations in and around the school community that affect students. This month our discussions included AIDS in the school community. Points were brought up about how AIDS affected students directly and indirectly. In most situations, AIDS does not directly affect students because they really don't have close ties with someone who has the virus; but that doesn't mean that students aren't concerned and aware.

FACULTY FOCUS

by Art Williams

Mrs. Sue King teaches Algebra I, Physics, and GAT. She has been affiliated with the Elba System for the past 18 years. She is originally from Elba, where she attended Elba High School. She received her BS degree in Education at Troy State University and her M. Ed. degree at Auburn University. She recalls her first day and being quite nervous as expected. She said, "I have, since that day, learned to expect the unexpected."

Mrs. King says she feels that we have a good school to offer our students. The faculty of Elba High is doing its best to meet the needs of all its students. She said, "Every day is a new day filled with opportunities to help students prepare for their future life. Teaching is very rewarding when your students succeed and you feel that you have a small part in that success."

Mrs. King is the wife of our assistant principal, Mr. Mack King. Both are very valuable assets to the Elba administration and faculty. We are grateful, Mrs. King, for your years of service and hope that you have many more to come.

Auburn or Alabama

by Melissa Maddox
It happened again! The Crimson Tide won "bragging rights" to the 1991 Iron Bowl.

The Tigers have not had a very strong season. With a record of only 5 wins and six losses, everyone knew that there wasn't much hope for Auburn to come out victorious. They did, though, play an exciting game against Alabama whose record is 10 wins and 1 loss. There were a few "Dye-hard" Auburn fans, like myself, who proudly wore their orange and blue in hopes that their team would pull it off.

All we can do now is wait for next season and listen to the people argue about which team is better.

War Eagle!



Student Spotlight

Laura Hall - Laura is a 16 year old junior at Elba High School. Her parents are Bill and Judy Hall. Laura belongs to Mu Alpha Theta, Sr. Beta Club, SADD, and FBPA. Laura has been in the band for 6 years and plays trumpet. Laura's favorite thing about being in the band is the band trips.

Amanda Calhoun - Amanda is the 15 year old daughter of Terry and Margaret Calhoun. Amanda belongs to Sr. Beta Club, Girl Scouts, Mu Alpha Theta, FBPA, and the Spanish Club. Amanda has been in the dance line for 2 years. Amanda likes the band because she is around friends.

Aaron Creed - Aaron is the 12 year old daughter of Danny and Sami Creed. This is Aaron's first year as a J. V. cheerleader and she enjoys cheering for the players and showing school spirit. Aaron belongs to the FCA and SADD clubs.

Dee Miller - Dee is a 17 year old senior at Elba High School. He is the son of Leon and Annie Miller. Dee is a member of FCA, FBPA, and E-Club. Dee has been playing basketball since the 7th grade and now plays guard for the Varsity Tigers. Dee enjoys getting to play other schools and coming out on top. Dee's favorite song is "My Mind Is Playing Tricks On Me."

Nick Whitfield - Nick is an 18 year old senior at Elba High School. He is the son of Verlin L. Whitfield and is a member of the E-Club and FCA. Nick has played basketball since the 9th grade. Now he plays center for the Tigers and says he likes playing center because he has a chance to power the ball back up. Nick's favorite song is "My Mind Is Playing Tricks On Me."

by Hunter Hudson

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Elba FFA Attends Ag. Expo



by Brent Goodson

Recently over 80 members of the Elba High School chapter Future Farmers of America attended the annual Sunbelt Agribusiness Expo in Moultrie, Georgia. The exhibit had over 600 acres of crops and 80 agricultural exhibits. Each member that attended learned about various occupations related to agribusiness and different types of equipment used in agribusiness. They also gained appreciation for how agribusiness is involved in our daily lives.

JV's Off To Good Start

by Jonathan Lawrence

The Elba High School Varsity Baseball season has begun. The 7th and 8th grade team, coached by Brian Weeks, has a 2 - 2 record, defeating

Kinston and Geneva. Their loss was to Dauphin. The 9th grade team was area champs last year and are looking to repeat. Their coach is Frank Phillips. Key players for the 9th grade are: Che' Vaughn, Corey Howe, Demarius Barnes, Brian Rowe, Todd Grantham, Sterling Jones, and Undray Chism.

The 9th grade team has a successful 3 - 1 record, having defeated Lavene, Kinston, and Geneva. Their loss was to Dauphin. The 9th grade team was area champs last year and are looking to repeat. Their coach is Frank Phillips. Key players for the 9th grade are: Che' Vaughn, Corey Howe, Demarius Barnes, Brian Rowe, Todd Grantham, Sterling Jones, and Undray Chism.



Co-op Spotlight

by Kim Tindol

Tiffany Tew - Tiffany is 16 years old and the daughter of Renita Bowers and Allen Tew. She is employed at Dr. Lance K. Dyess' office where she works in the morning. Her job involves filing, answering the phone and making appointments. Tiffany enjoys her job and the people she works with. This is her first year of ICT.

Brandy Daugherty - Brandy is 16 years old and the daughter of Joe and Jonette Daugherty. She is employed by Kelley Foods of Alabama where she works in the morning. Her job involves packing and labeling boxes. Brandy enjoys her job and the people she works with. She's been involved in ICT for 1 year to gain work experience.

Kim Norris - Kim is 16 years old and the daughter of Judy Norris. She is employed at Bradley's Florist where she works in the morning. Her job involves arranging and delivering flowers and the general duties of the flower shop. Kim enjoys her job and the people she works with. She's been involved in ICT for a year for job experience.

Joey Rozman - Joey is 16 years old and the son of Kenneth and Janice Suley. He is employed at Hardie's where he works in the afternoon. His job involves cooking and preparing sandwiches. Joey enjoys getting to meet and talk to people. Joey has only been involved in ICT for 6 months and joined for job experience.

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I guess when you're two-years-old you just don't believe anything! For the past month or so, we've been telling Melanie that unless she is good Santa Claus won't leave her anything but switches. We even taught her the words to "Santa Claus is Coming To Town" to convince her that she'd better not cry and pout, and that the elves see her when she's bad and good. She knows the words and sings the song all the time, but it hasn't made any difference. She's still Melanie!

ELBA TIGERS DROP FIRST GAME OF YOUNG CAGE SEASON

The Elba Tigers saw their record dip to 2-1 last week when they traveled to Louisville and dropped a hardfought 61-60 battle to the Red Devils. A loss never does anybody any good; however, the Tigers got blown out last year up in Louisville and the narrow loss may mean that the Tigers are coming on and have become a pretty good squad.

After three games it seems clear to me that this year's bunch isn't overly talented, but it is a bunch that has quickness and the desire to win. The Tigers don't have anybody even close to being a big man and are all still learning a new system, but they are doing so at full speed and beginning to gain confidence.

Elba won't win 20 games and won't get in the state rankings this year, but this year's players want to win, and expect to win, no matter who they play. It will be a fun bunch to watch and cheer for, and also a fun bunch to see grow in maturity as the season progresses. The Tigers have the desire to win and a coach that will make sure the team is never outcoached or outprepared. It may take a while and there may be a few bumps along the way; however, I am convinced that Coach Foster and his Tigers will play hard for all thirty-two minutes and represent Elba well every night out.

ZION CHAPEL IS EARLY SURPRISE OF COUNTY CAGERS

The high school basketball season is now going full blast and the early surprise in Coffee County has to be the Zion Chapel Rebels. The Rebels got off to a late start practicing due to the football playoffs and the death of Coach McGee's mother, but now that Coach McGee has the Rebels working, the talent is obvious. Zion Chapel may not have as many players as many teams, but they are a confident group and will never back down from anyone on their schedule. Don't look for the Rebels to win 20 games, and it will be a struggle for the Rebels to even post a winning record, but this year's Rebels will be a challenge for all opponents and will pull off more than their share of upsets.

PROGRESS TOURNEY GROWING INTO ONE OF THE BEST

The 9th annual Dothan Progress Holiday Prep Classic basketball tournament will be held on Dec. 26-30 at the Dothan Civic Center and it looks like this year's event may very well be the biggest and best ever. The Dothan Progress, a weekly newspaper based in Dothan, began the tournament back in 1982, and while at first many thought it was just another high school tournament, word soon spread that the team in the tourney shared the gate and actually received pretty good money. The Southeast Alabama Basketball Officials Association has donated their time since day one and after a couple of years corporate sponsors started helping share the expenses, and the results were game shares in the neighborhood of \$500 per team for each game the teams played. Getting a berth in the tournament soon became somewhat of an honor and now the tourney has begun to spread out and this year will include two teams from Florida.

This year's tournament will be highlighted by play of top quality high school basketball action; however, there will be even more in store for the fans as Burger King will sponsor "Whopper Relays" during the entire tourney. Pylant Tires will sponsor a "Slam Dunk" contest and Mitchell Nissan/Mazda and United Insurance will give away a new car for a lucky fan that can make a halfcourt shot.

Four games will be played on the opening three days of the event, with two games set for the final two days of action. Admission will be only \$3 per person, which is cheap entertainment for anybody. The tourney sponsors hosted a "Tipoff Luncheon" last Thursday for all sixteen coaches and area news media, and it too was a very impressive affair, as everyone in attendance enjoyed a buffet meal and received t-shirts, as well as tournament brackets.

While the luncheon was fun for me to attend, Elba's Coach Danny Foster enjoyed the meal much more than the bracket. His Tigers were sitting atop the 16-team bracket; however, the Tigers' opening round opposition was listed as the 6A Dothan Tigers, last year's tournament champions and a state tourney participant. Oh well, it was a nice ride and the food was good, anyway!

HOW'S A COACH SUPPOSED TO GET A SCHEDULE

I talked with Elba's Coach Mack Wood last week and he reported that the Tigers now had six games on next year's schedule, including games with Daleville, Luverne, Opp, Louisville, Andalusia and Slocomb, with room for four more opponents. Coach Wood showed me his long distance log and it was filled with phone numbers he had called trying to find games. He said he had all but given up on finding other 3A teams to play, and only had one or two possibilities in the 4A ranks. The other teams left are either 5A or 6A foes that can't find anybody else to play.

If you think it's easy finding teams to play, don't say it very loud around Coach Wood. He called a 4A school in Bullock County and thought he had found a game, only to be told when he called back that the team had picked up Sidney Lanier instead. Lanier is a 6A school in Montgomery, and when a team had rather play a 6A school than Elba, maybe it's time to quit!

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS NOW READY TO CROWN CHAMPS

The long high school football season will finally wind down to an end this week when champions will be crowned in all six classes. The season seems long when you're not involved, while for those teams still alive, it seems like a season they never want to end. With four defending champions still around the '91 results may very well look like reruns of the '90 campaign, while the newcomers in the finals are looking to leave their mark in state football history. I guess Lee has to be the favorite in 6A since the Generals have already whipped title foe Central, while the Blount-Gadsden shootout in 5A should be something else. T.R. Miller has Deshler at Brewton this year and is hoping to reverse last year's 4A championship game result and down in 3A, Luverne is looking to avenge last year's championship game loss and take the title back up north. Hazlewood will be trying to make it four straight against Reelton, which will be playing in front of the home folks, and in 1A, McKenzie has to believe this is finally the year the Tigers win it all, even if it does mean knocking off three-time defending champ Courtland.

With championship games being held in Brewton, Luverne, Reelton and McKenzie, area football fans will get to take their choice of games to watch, and I urge them to see one. Nothing is quite like a state championship contest!

FINALLY, POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR SIGNS OFF FOR YEAR

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator strolled into the office this week and said this is the week he has been looking for. The prognosticator to give the local guesstest problems last week as he hit on 10 of 12, but a yearly mark of 343 - 85, is quite a feat and here are the final pickings...

Robert E. Lee 24 Central, Tuscaloosa 10
Gadsden 10 Blount 7
Deshler 35 T.R. Miller 21
Luverne 20 Plainview 8
Hazlewood 21 Reelton 16
Courtland 22 McKenzie 12

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SPORTS

Elba record dips to 2-1

Louisville slips past Tigers 61-60

The Elba Tigers saw a furious fourth quarter rally fall one point short Friday night as the Tigers fell to the Louisville Red Devils 61-60, in Louisville.

The less dropped Elba's record to 2-1, 1-1 in Area 2 action, while Louisville improved to 3-0, 1-0 in Area competition.

Elba grabbed an early 2-0 lead on a basket by Dee Miller and remained on top until midway through the stanza when the Red Devils went on a 5-0 run that gave Louisville a 9-6 lead with 3:29 left in the quarter.

The Tigers caught the Devils at 11:11 on a free-throw by Marcus Tyson and took its biggest lead of the stanza at 14-11 with 1:56 left on a bucket and free-throw by Alex Magwood.

The Tigers carried a 19-17 lead into the second quarter and swapped baskets with the Devils for much of the quarter as they held on to lead 26-24 with :39 left in the half, only to see Louisville score two late buckets to take a 28-26 halftime bulge.

Louisville came out ready to take command in the third quarter and outscored the Tigers 11-2 over a two-minute span to take a big 39-28 advantage with 6:12 still left in the stanza.

A driving layup by Dee Miller ended the scoring drought for the Tigers and sparked a 6-0 run that pulled Elba back within 39-34 with 4:00 remaining.

The Tigers closed to within 44-40 with 2:35 left in the quarter on a basket by Terry Goosby and got within two points at 50-48 with :10 left on an inside bucket by Nick Whitfield.

Louisville regained command early in the final stanza and moved on top 55-48 with 5:37 left in the game, however, Elba wasn't about to quit and behind the play of Alex Magwood and David Yelverton rallied to pull within 58-56 with 2:50 left on the clock.

The Tigers had a chance in the closing seconds as a free-throw left



1991-92 ELBA TIGERS... The members of the 1991-92 Elba Tigers basketball team include (seated, l-r) Chad Dawkins, Marcus Tyson, Dee Miller, Alex Magwood, Nick Whitfield, David Yelverton and Coach Danny Foster. (Standing, l-r) Ronald Thigpen, Terry Goosby, Joe Donaldson, Aaron Smith, Marzine McMillan, Dion Belcher and Asst. Coach Bill Rayborn.

Elba behind 61-58 with :22 left in the game, but the Tigers had to settle for a layup against the Devil defense and fell 61-60.

Terry Goosby scored 16 points to lead Elba, while Alex Magwood added 15 and both Dee Miller and Nick Whitfield scored 10. Johnson and Lane both scored 14 for Louisville.

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Tigers to host New Brockton and Slocomb

The Elba Tigers have been able to play only three games during the past three weeks because of conflicts with the state football playoffs, but with the playoffs now winding down and basketball in full swing in most cities, the Tigers will get busy this week as they host New Brockton and Slocomb this week at ESJC.

The Tigers will host cross-county rival New Brockton on Friday night, Dec. 13, while Saturday night it will be Elba battling it out with Area 2 foe Slocomb.

The Tigers of Coach Danny Foster opened the season with easy wins over Rehoboth and Zion Chapel, but lost last week to Louisville in a key Area 2 bout.

"These are both big games for our team," stated Coach Foster, "and we hope that we'll play well and give ourselves a chance to win. New Brockton has good size inside and a very good guard in Flowers, while Slocomb has a big strong player in Huff and some real good shooters. Both of these teams are solid basketball teams and can whip us."

"We lost Friday night up in Louisville," added Foster, "but did some good things and fought back against the odds and had a couple of chances to win the game in the closing minute. We played hard on defense and did what we had hoped until we got in foul trouble, and even then, we never backed off and fought until the final horn. Offensively we handled the ball much better and played our game in the last quarter when we fought back from eleven points down to have a chance at winning."

"I believe that we are a better team now than we were before the loss," said Coach Foster. "The players have worked hard in practice and in the games to do the things we've asked and it's beginning to show. Our team has played as hard as they can in every game and played with poise and class. We will lose some games during the year, but if we keep improving like I expect, we'll win some, too."

The bright spot of the opening three weeks has been the hustle and

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ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

New Brockton strolls past Coffee Springs 54-39

The New Brockton Gamecocks made it look easy Tuesday night as they opened the season with a lopsided 54-39 win over the Coffee Springs Gold.

The Gamecocks grabbed control early in the game and by the end of the first half owned a commanding 31-12 advantage. New Brockton eased up in the second half and everyone got in on the fun as the Gamecocks coasted to the win.

Adrian Flowers poured in 24 points to lead New Brockton, while Eric Edwards added 11 and Mark Edgar scored 10. Chad Martin scored 16 for Coffee Springs.

Kinston rallies to knock off Straughn 66-59

The Kinston Bulldogs spotted Straughn an early lead and then came storming back to dump the Tigers 66-59, Tuesday night in Straughn.

Straughn stunned the Bulldogs by jumping out to a quick 11-2 lead; however, Kinston settled down and early in the fourth quarter had reversed the momentum and owned a big 15-point lead before holding on to post the exciting win.

Roger Smith scored 23 points to lead Kinston, while Tracy Hall added 21 and Brady Reynolds scored 10. The Bulldogs were led on the boards by Joe Davis with 15 rebounds. Dewayne Coon led Straughn with 13 points.

The Bulldogs B team improved its record to 2-0 in the night's opening game by posting a 52-45 win behind the 15 point performance of Jeremy Carney.

Brantley Bulldogs outscore Red Level 101-84

The Brantley Bulldogs broke the century mark for the second straight game last Monday night when they pounded the Red Level Tigers 101-84, in Brantley.

The high-scoring Bulldogs pulled ahead early against the Tigers and never slowed down in claiming the impressive win.

Derek Caldwell scored 28 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead Brantley, while Eric Person added 22 points and 11 rebounds and Antonio Rodgers scored 13 and Adrian Person added 10. Michael Dexter scored 29 points for Red Level.

Zion Chapel Rebels claim 67-65 win over Dozier

The Zion Chapel Rebels chalked up their first win of the young season Tuesday night when they pulled out a hardfought 67-65 win over the Dozier Tigers, at Zion Chapel.

The Rebels pulled ahead early and owned a big 8 point lead late in the final stanza, only to see Dozier rally with a pair of three-pointers in the closing seconds to close the gap.

Tyrons Smith poured in 25 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Eric Cole scored what proved to be the winning basket.

Brantley posts Area win over Clayton 85-68

The Brantley Bulldogs posted an important Area win Tuesday night when they disposed of the Clayton Tigers 85-68, in Brantley.

The Bulldogs pulled ahead in the first half against the talented Tigers and slowly pulled away to post the big win.

Eric Person scored 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to pace the Bulldogs, while Ronald Rogers added 15 points and Derek Caldwell tossed in 12 points and pulled down 11 rebounds.

The Kinston Bulldogs scored the final four points of the game to edge the Samson Tigers 62-59, Friday night in Kinston.

The two rivals battled throughout the game as the lead see-sawed for all four quarters. Samson moved on top by four points midway through the fourth quarter, however, the Bulldogs rallied and behind the clutch shooting of Tracy Hall pulled out the big Area win.

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Gamecocks off to fast 3-0 start

County basketballers off to exciting start

The high school basketball season is now in full swing around Coffee County and from early season results it looks like a very exciting season ahead for all county cage fans.

The New Brockton Gamecocks have opened the season with three straight wins and it looks like Coach Bobby Kinsaul's predictions of a sub-par season may have just been a nightmare. The Gamecocks appear to have one of the county's top guards in sophomore Adrian Flowers and have plenty of size inside to hit the boards. The Gamecocks may be just as strong as ever, which could spell good news for Gamecock fans and bad news for their opponents.

Luverne goes for first crown

Four defending champs in title game

The Alabama High School Athletic Association's "State Football Playoffs" will crown six champions this week with four defending champions still in the running.

The defending champs include Blount (5A), Deshler (4A), Hazlewood (2A) and Courtland (1A). However, the defending champion aren't the only ones back in familiar surroundings, as both T.R. Miller (4A) and Plainview (3A) made it to the championship game, only to settle for the runner up spots.

Following are the state championship matchups and the results of the semifinal round of action:

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHUPS
CLASS 6A Montgomery Lee (12-1) vs. Tuscaloosa Central (11-2), at Birmingham's Legion Field, Saturday, Dec. 14, 1:30 p.m.
CLASS 5A Gadsden (13-0) at Blount (13-1), Prichard
CLASS 4A Deshler (13-0) at T.R. Miller (13-0), Brewton
CLASS 3A Plainview (14-0) at Luverne (12-2), Hazlewood (12-1) at Reelton (14-0)
CLASS 1A Courtland (9-2) at McKenzie (13-0)

SEMIFINAL RESULTS

CLASS 6A Lee 21 Shaw 0
Central 34 Butler 6
CLASS 5A Blount 17 Valley 6
Gadsden 7 Fayette County 6
CLASS 4A T.R. Miller 39 Handley 20
Deshler 15 Litchfield 12
CLASS 3A Luverne 31 Lafayette 0
Plainview 21 Lauderdale Co. 0
CLASS 2A Reelton 21 Cottonwood 7
Hazlewood 21 Cordova 13
CLASS 1A McKenzie 14 Autaugaaville 0
Courtland 21 Parrish 20

Team penning set for Dec. 14 at Farm Center

Team Penning at the New Brockton Farm Center in New Brockton, AL will be Saturday, December 14, 1991, at 2:00 p.m.

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BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

Elba Jr. at New Brockton Jr.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

New Brockton at Elba

Kinston at Coffee Springs

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

Slocomb at Elba

MONDAY, DEC. 16

Elba Jr. at Luverne Jr.

Daleyville Jr. at New Brockton Jr.

Florida at Kinston

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

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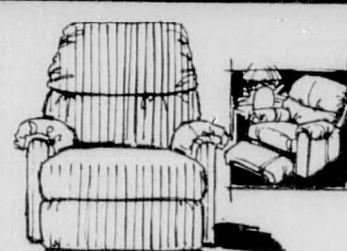
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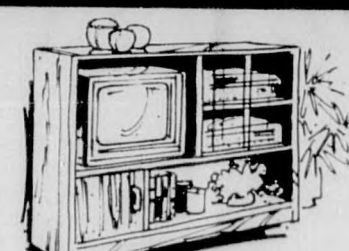
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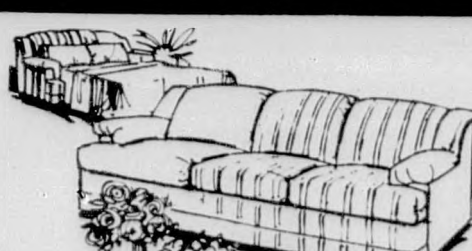
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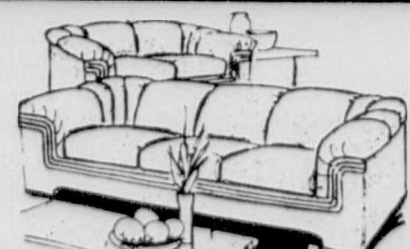
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COURT SETS BOND AT \$5,000,000.00

Local law enforcement officers foil murder plot

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

In a 3:30 p.m. press conference Friday afternoon, Joel Folmar, District Attorney for the 12th Judicial Circuit, stated an arrest had been made foiling a plot to commit murder.

Folmar stated Brenda Gail Gorum Moore, age 26, of 88 Forest Hills, Daleville, AL, was arrested at 4:10 of Daleville.

The couple has been married for six years and Mr. Moore was out of town at the time of his wife's arrest. He drives a truck and was on a trip.

When he, Mr. Moore, was contacted he reportedly said, "I can't believe it - I love her." He was not aware of his wife's plot to have him killed nor was he aware of the investigation that was being conducted in the matter.

Folmar stated the arrest was made at an Enterprise motel after an undercover police officer arranged a meeting with Mrs. Moore. The meeting was being monitored and the motel room was under surveillance by officers from the law enforcement agencies involved in the investigation.

in the investigation were members of the Andalusia Police Department.

The investigation began after information concerning the murder plot was received from a state inmate by Board of Corrections personnel.

Folmar said Mrs. Moore, during the past few weeks, had solicited "more than one" individual to kill her husband, Lloyd Moore, age 41, of Daleville.

According to Bruce Devane, chief investigator for the District Attorney's Office, no motive had been established, but insurance money has not been ruled out as being one.

Mrs. Moore was arrested as she exited the motel room after meeting with the undercover police officer. Details as to what went on or was said in the motel room were not disclosed by law enforcement officials.

She is presently being held in the Coffee County Jail in New Brockton.

Because it was discovered during the investigation that more than one individual had been solicited to commit the murder, the court was asked by the DA's Office to set the bond extremely high or to set no bond at all.

Criminal solicitation to commit murder is a Class A felony which carries a minimum sentence of ten years up to life. The only higher offense under Alabama law, according to Folmar, is capital murder.

Mrs. Moore was employed at a Cannon Oil service station in Enterprise.

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He said sums of money ranging from \$200-\$35,000 had been offered to individuals by Mrs. Moore to kill her husband. A third individual, a juvenile, is being sought for questioning in the case.

Folmar said, "We feel good about this investigation because we may have prevented a murder."

In a preliminary hearing held before District Judge Thomas Head, the court appointed an attorney to

represent Mrs. Moore and bond was set at \$5,000,000.00.

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Elba Police recover stolen goods and arrest five

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

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STOLEN ITEMS RECOVERED... Elba police officers, Johnny Senn (left) and Dean Blair (right) are pictured above with some of the items recovered in the investigation of recent burglaries. The three bicycles and sports wear are just some of the "loot" taken from Fred's Sportz and Russell Cash & Carry when they were burglarized.

STATE TROOPERS WILL BE OUT IN FORCE

Holiday Season LifeSaver Weekend '91

Alabama troopers will be out in force during the Holiday Season LifeSaver Weekend, 1991, a pre-holiday safety campaign beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, December 20, and ending at midnight Sunday, December 22.

Sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, this national effort by state police agencies seek to improve safety on the roadways by providing assistance to the motoring public, reducing drunk and drugged drivers, increasing the use of safety belts and child safety seats, enforcing speed laws and aggressively pursuing other traffic violators.

All available troopers will be on duty this weekend and throughout the holiday season to watch for dangerous drivers and to provide assistance to motorists. Federal overtime grants aimed at speed limit enforcement will allow additional troopers to patrol.

"We hope no one will have to experience the loss of a loved one due to a traffic crash during the holidays. Restraining children in child safety seats and making sure other vehicle occupants buckle up can greatly reduce the risk of death or serious injury should a traffic crash occur," said Col. Ned McHenry, Public Safety director.

He also encouraged motorists to drive defensively, obey speed limits and all other traffic laws and avoid driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Troopers predict 18 will lose life in holiday traffic crashes

The Alabama Department of Public Safety estimates that 11 people will be killed in traffic crashes during the 54-hour Christmas holiday period beginning at 6 p.m. Monday, December 23, and ending at midnight Wednesday, December 25.

In 1990, 14 people were killed in traffic crashes during the 102-hour period, nine on rural roadways and five in urban areas. Alcohol was a factor in seven of the deaths, and only one of the wreck victims was using a safety belt.

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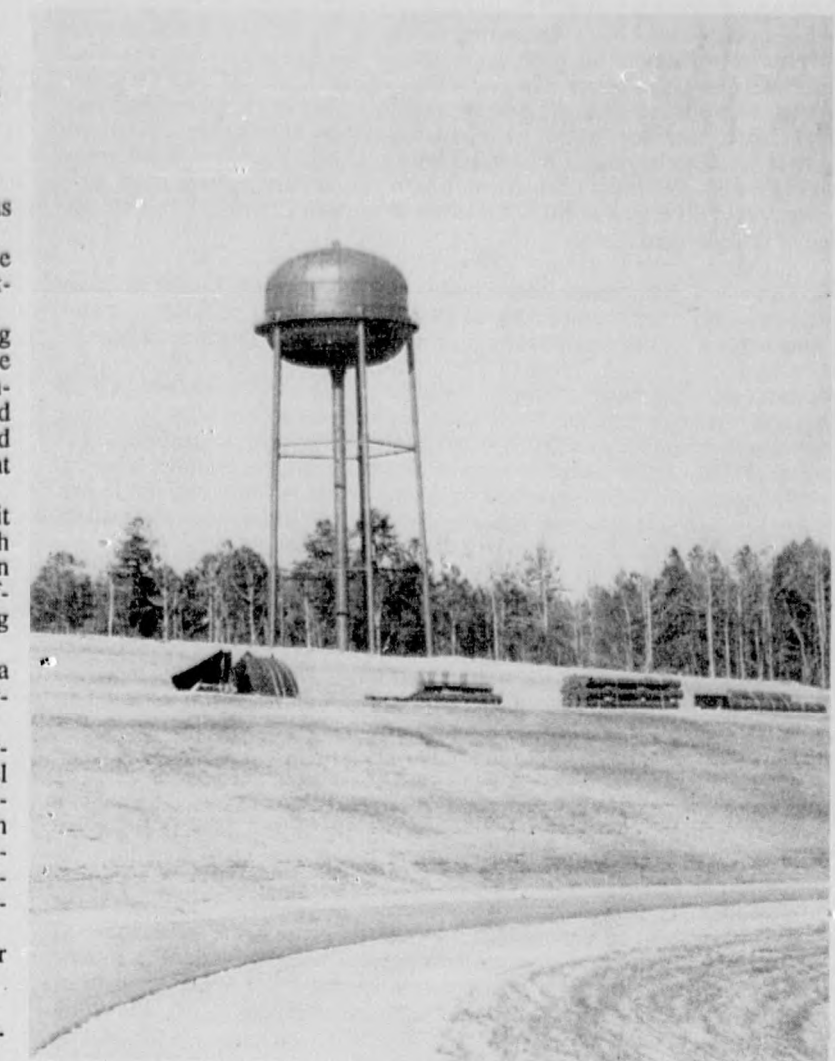
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Only 6 More Days Til Christmas!



GUARD GETS NEW COMMANDER...First Lieutenant James M. Moncy, far right, receives company pennant and assumes command of the Alabama Army National Guard Battery B, 2nd Battalion 117th Field Artillery Unit located in Elba. Captain Greg Oglesby, near left, past commander of the unit, will be joining Headquarters Staff located in Auburn, Alabama.



NEW WATER TANK NEARS COMPLETION...The water tank recently constructed adjacent to the new school is part of a major up-grading of Elba's water system. The project is scheduled for completion in June of '92. Also as part of this project, a storage tank is being constructed near the city limits on U. S. Highway 84 East.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

This year marks the sixth annual lighting of Brookdale subdivision, Elba with luminaries. Christmas Eve is the date for the event this year.

The residents of the community place white paper bags with lighted candles along the streets and driveways. These, along with their individual Christmas home decorations,

will once again reflect the Spirit of Christmas.

The lighting of candles will begin at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday night (Christmas Eve), December 24th. The residents invite interested citizens to visit the Brookdale neighborhood and join them as they rejoice in the Spirit of Christmas.



AFRICAN SAFARI...No, just one of the many ride enjoyed by the children and adults during Elba's Christmas Festival held last Saturday. A fun day was enjoyed by all and the festival was a SUCCESS!

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

The Elba Clipper will observe the following deadlines for the upcoming Christmas and New Year Holidays:

Thursday, December 26th Edition
Deadline will be
Friday, December 27th at 5:00 p.m.
Office will close at Noon on Christmas Eve and re-open
Thursday, December 26 at 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 2nd Edition
Deadline will be
Monday, December 30th at 12:00 Noon
Office will be closed New Year's Day and re-open Thursday, January 2, 1992.

Please help us get your last minute holiday news to the public by observing these deadlines!

Happy Holidays!